

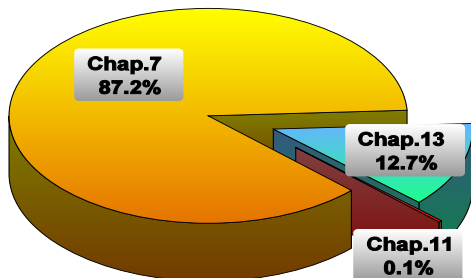


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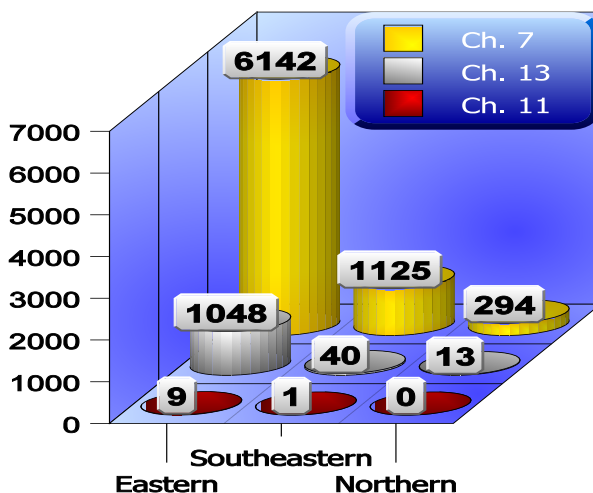
October through December 2005 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics



New Cases

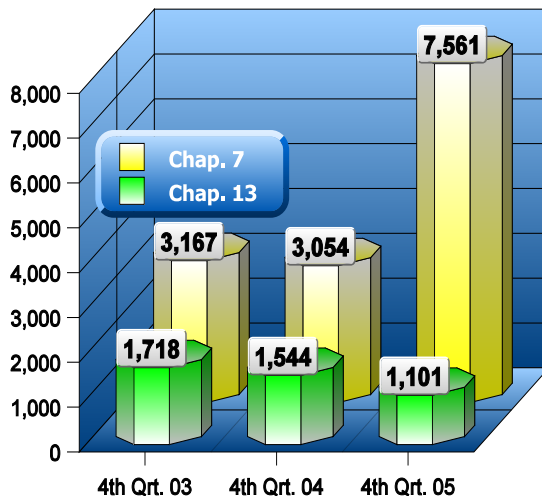
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2005, the Court opened a total of 8,672 new cases. There were 7,199 cases filed in the Eastern division, 1,166 cases in the Southeastern division and 307 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 24 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 7,561 Chapter 7 filings, 10 Chapter 11 filings, and 1,101 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9 or Chapter 12. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 143 new Adversary Proceedings, 2,241 motions to lift the automatic stay and 176 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the fourth quarter in each division broken down by chapter.



Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the fourth quarter, 7,561 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,101 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 87% and 13%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2004, the Court received 3,054 new Chapter 7 petitions (66%) and 1,544 new Chapter 13 petitions (34%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2005 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 4,769 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 3,926 for the Eastern division, 625 for the Southeastern division and 218 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is lesser than the number closed during the fourth quarter of 2004 when the Court closed 4,777 cases. The Court also closed 101 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 23,709 cases, an increase of 3,935 cases from the 3rd quarter. These 3,935 cases reflect a 19.9% increase in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 19,774 cases pending at the end of the quarter. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases increased by 44.4% (7,292 cases), or an average of 1,823 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 42 cases in the quarter leaving 277 cases pending.

